



# **IMMIGRATION ISSUES & THE ELECTION**

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# AGENDA

- I. Intro (Adela de la Torre)
- II. What we might expect from Trump and Congress on immigration issues (Kamal Essaheb) - 10 min
- III. How a Trump presidency and Republican Congress could affect health care issues (Jenny Rejeske) - 10 min
- IV. Know Your Rights & DACA (Avideh Moussavian) - 10 min
- V. Q&A/Discussion (25 min)

# **WHAT TO EXPECT ON EXECUTIVE ACTION**

**Campaign promises**

**First Day Project**

**Other areas**

# **WHAT TO EXPECT ON LEGISLATION**

**Congressional landscape**

**Border**

**Other potential efforts**

# HEALTH CARE ISSUES

- **Trump/GOP priorities are much bigger than immigrant health issues**
  - Repeal of ACA/Obamacare (and Replace?)
  - Change Medicaid from entitlement to block grant
- **Debt ceiling negotiations in March; Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding up in September**
- **Monitor other threats to immigrants' access to health care**
- **Fight to keep state programs – contact local health or immigrant rights organization**

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TO HEALTH CARE

- **If you have health care under Medicaid or Obamacare – use it!**
- **Health care services available regardless of status –**
  - Emergency services, and Emergency Medicaid
  - Community health centers, clinics and free clinics
  - Hospital care with financial assistance
- **What if I'm asked about my immigration status? A – if undocumented – “I'm not eligible for health insurance.”**
- **Civil rights protections – access to health care services in a language you can understand at federally funded health care facility**
- **ICE Guidance – no immigration enforcement based on info submitted for insurance programs**
- **Programs available to all (including state Medicaid/CHIP for undocumented kids in CA, DC, IL, MA, NY, WA) do not collect immigration status (so have no info to share with immigration officials)**

# **TAKE ACTION FOR YOUR HEALTH**

- **Stand together to defend our rights, defend health programs and public services that are important to our families and communities**
- **Stand together to defend Medicaid, CHIP, Obamacare, state coverage programs that cover DACAmented and undocumented immigrants**
- **Stand together with our allies in social justice mov't to defend against potential attempts to chip away at health care access to immigrant and LEP communities, communities of color and LGBTQ communities**

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

*Everyone living in the U.S. has certain basic rights under the U.S. Constitution.*

- You have the right to remain silent. You may refuse to speak to immigration officers.
- Carry a know-your-rights card and show it if an immigration officer stops you.
- Do not open your door.
- You have the right to speak to a lawyer.
- Before you sign anything, talk to a lawyer.
- Always carry any valid immigration document you have.





# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

- **Create a safety plan.**
- **Report and document raids and arrests.**
- **Find legal help.**
- **Learn more about your rights.**



# DACA: WHAT'S NEXT?

- **First-time applicants?**
  - Don't apply.
- **Renewals?**
  - There is risk, but consult/weigh pros v. cons.
  - We have 2+ months left of this administration:
    - Urging USCIS to swiftly adjudicate
    - Uncertainty of fees
    - Pushing for strong confidentiality protections
- **Advance Parole?**
  - Regular vs. emergency applications
  - Return before the new administration
- **What else?**
  - If your DACA is delayed: <https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/steps-to-take-if-your-daca-renewal-is-delayed.pdf>
  - Defend DACA. #heretostay



# RESOURCES

- **DACA** - <http://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/>
- **Health Care issues** - <http://www.nilc.org/issues/health-care/>
- **Know Your Rights** - <http://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Rights-No-Matter-Who-Is-Pres-2016-11-10.pdf>
- **Rights During Immigration Raids** - <https://www.nilc.org/get-involved/community-education-resources/know-your-rights/raids/>